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wherein the exterior surface layer has the thickness of 1 to 5 micro-meters.

42. The photosensitive member of claim 34,

wherein the tantalum doped tin oxide is surface-treated by a silane coupling agent or a titanium coupling agent.--.

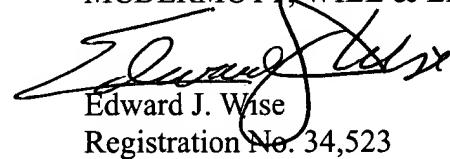
REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is necessary to add new claims and to incorporate the amendments that were made during prosecution in the parent application Serial No. 08/693,717. An Annex is attached herewith which includes clean copies of the paragraphs and claims as amended.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNEX INCLUDING CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED PARAGRAPHS

OF SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2 on page 5 with the following:

An object of the present invention is to utilize the aforesaid information to provide a novel layer containing conductive tantalum doped tin oxide powder, which is nontoxic and possesses excellent stability as a layer formed between a substrate and a photosensitive layer of a photosensitive member and/or as a protective layer for a photosensitive layer of a photosensitive member.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 on page 24 with the following:

A photosensitive member was produced in exactly the same way as Example 1 with the exception that carbon black was substituted for the tantalum-doped tin oxide powder used in the conductive layer in Example 1.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 15 and 18-21 as follows:

15. The photosensitive member of claim 13,

wherein the tantalum doped tin oxide is a tin oxide doped with 0.1 to 10 percentage-by-weight tantalum .

18. The photosensitive member of claim 13,

wherein the tantalum doped tin oxide has a mean particle size of less than 2 micrometers.

19. The photosensitive member of claim 18,

wherein the tantalum doped tin oxide has the mean particle size of 0.3 to 1.0 micrometers.

20. The photosensitive member of claim 13,

wherein a content of the tantalum doped tin oxide is 5 to 70 percentage-by-weight of the total of the exterior surface layer.

21. The photosensitive member of claim 13,

wherein the exterior surface layer has a thickness of 7 micro-meters or less.

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